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Plans For Parkinson Gymnasium Postponed

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The plans to turn Parkinson Gymnasium into a One-Stop student center have been postponed. Instead, Parkinson, which has been closed since 2000, reopened in early Oct. as an over-flow space for student activities and athletics.

FSC President Robert Antonucci explained that the preliminary estimates to convert the building into the One Stop center were too high. "They were about one million dollars more than we thought," said Antonucci. Renovations, including new air conditioning, heating and ventilation systems, are just too expensive for the current college budget. "I felt very strongly that we couldn't spend that kind of money right now," said Antonucci. "If we had those resources available we could better our academics as well."

For the past three years, Parkinson has been used as a storage facility. "We should not have a



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vacant building in the middle of campus," said Antonucci. The President recommended using the facility for student activities and a second facility to the recreation center. The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee agreed with his recommendation. Since then, facilities has unloaded equipment and painted the lobby. "They have done a tremendous job of getting the building ready," said Antonucci.

The gym has open sessions Mon. through Thurs. and is available for intramural sports games. The building will also serve as an additional practice location for the Dance Club, cheerleading squad and will be open to athletics when not otherwise booked. "We don't want athletics to bump out other student activities and

we don't the Rec Center to only become the athletic center," said Antonucci. "Noah Yannie [Director of Recreation Services] and his staff have done a great job of balancing the activities."

Yannie is pleased with the re-opening of Parkinson. "It was a great decision by the President," said Yannie. "We're really happy that everyone has an opportunity to use the gym and I'm glad student groups are taking advantage of this opportunity. We know it's only temporary, but it's nice that it's [Parkinson Gymnasium] being used until other plans are put into action," he said.

In addition to recreation and athletics, the Class of 2004 is planning to hold some of their

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Fall on the Franconia Ridge Trail

JANINE PEDRO

Summitting Mount Lafayette on the Old Bridle Path is like entering another world- where the trees are stunted and walking literally involves walking through clouds. On a hike in September the azure skies that had accompanied us during our four mile climb disappeared as a white cloud blew over. Looking back the way we came was no longer possible- a condition all too common in the high mountains of New Hampshire. Weather up here has a tendency to change from clear to cloudy and pleasant to treacherous at the drop of a hat. Fast changing weather on the Mount Lafayette and Franconia Ridgeline has led hikers to prepare for times of limited visibility by leaving cairns. Cairns, piles of rocks, dot the way up as we continued our hike above the treeline.

The granite-strewn ridge tops out at 5,260, making Mount Lafayette the sixth highest peak of the four-thousand-footer's 48 and the highest peak outside of the Presidential Range. Part of



Franconia Ridge

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the Pemigewasset Wilderness, Lafayette's most direct route begins at Franconia Notch State Park via the Old Bridle Path or the Falling Waters Trail. Many experienced hikers link together Mount Lafayette, Mount Lincoln (5200) and Little Haystack Mountain (4800) summits by looping either of the above noted trails with the Franconia Ridge Line.

On any given day dozens of fellow hikers line the trails of this popular loop. There are some families; some go solo, and several local day camps make this journey. Mountain runners also abound in this area; as we

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Style with Holly Johnson

Stylish Food?



Why do we go to restaurants? We go because we want to eat wonderful looking and great tasting food. (And we don't want to cook!) We respond differently to different looking food.

Would you like to eat a chicken dinner with

chicken, peas, and mashed potatoes thrown all over the plate? Or would you prefer everything to be neat and orderly? Fifty percent of the taste of food is based on presentation. It is a science. You can create a good looking and good tasting meal simply by placement and ingredients.

Dilemma: (For those of you who live off campus or the town houses) You come home from a long day of classes and you can't wait to eat. You have the following ingredients:

- A package of Ramen noodles
- A small chicken breast
- Broccoli (or any other veggies)

Simple solution: Cut the chicken into strips and sauté with a bit a soy sauce, garlic, and a bit of apple juice (for sweetness). Add the broccoli and cover the pan. Cook the Ramen noodles without the soup mix packet. Combine all the ingredients in the pan cook until noodles are brown with the soy sauce. Serve on a white plate with a lime and hot sauce. Set the table for yourself including a napkin, and a fork

placed neatly on the right and knife on the left.

Dilemma: (For those of you who have Chartwell's as your only option) Chartwell's offers a nice salad bar with lots of raw veggies. Do you miss your mother's home cooked spaghetti sauce with all your favorite vegetables? Combine in the small black bowls:

- Raw green peppers
- Raw red peppers
- Red onion
- A small bit of Italian salad dressing
- Salt and Pepper
- Marinara Sauce
- A crumpled hamburger

er Mix together thoroughly and place another bowl on top. Place in microwave for two minutes. While sauce is cooking grab a plate of pasta. Place a roll in the toaster and place a small amount of olive oil and balsamic dressing in a bowl for dipping. Pour your sauce over your pasta and enjoy! It may take a little longer than just grabbing a chicken burger and fries but your eyes and stomach will appreciate it.

Give your meals as much attention as your style of dress. Pay attention to detail. For example

AIDS Knows No Faces

SHANE FRANZEN
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE

I loved you.
You're a disgrace.
Have you touched this?
Why did daddy go?
You Homo.
You are not my son anymore.
I'm not allowed to talk to you anymore.

You have just experienced some of the most painful symptoms of AIDS.

Those words were taken from a poster that we found and have been using to get the point across that AIDS is a disease that can harm even the best of us. Those words have been around since the beginning of the epidemic and will probably continue until we find a cure.

On November 27, 1985, a gentleman by the name of Cleve Jones imagined a memorial that would be dedicated to

those who had passed away from a disease called AIDS. Not much was known about the disease – except that it was attacking gay men. For years it was known as the Gay Cancer and those that got it, deserved it, because of who they were.

The following is taken from an interview that Cleve Jones, the creator of what we now know as the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, gave the Advocate in October of

1987.

"On November 27, 1985, my friends and I marched along Market Street in San Francisco to honor Harvey Milk and George Moscone. We did this every year, but this time, with the AIDS crisis in full swing and the government still doing nothing about it, we added something new: Along with candles we carried hundreds of cardboard placards bearing the names of our friends and neighbors who

had died of AIDS.

It was while gazing at this patchwork of names that I thought of the quilts stitched by my great-grandmother. As I read the names of my friends, I imagined an enormous quilt. A quilt of names. A quilt that would honor the dead and unite the living. A quilt so vast it would cover the National Mall, stretching from the Capital to the Washington Monument.

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Hang up and live your life

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Back in 1995 a little flick called Clueless came out in which the overuse and down right ridiculous need to talk on a cellular phone was mocked for comedic effect. We, most of us being in Jr. High or elementary school, laughed at how Cher and her friends and family couldn't function without their cell phone. They talked in the hallways at school, at the mall, and even at the dinner table. Ridiculous huh?

Well, lets take a step back and look at the world we live in today; 2003. We are living in that movie. No one can function without having their phone practically in a holster for a quick draw at any time during the day. Some might need to consider surgery to remove it from their ear.

Mothers shopping the grocery store have to call their kids to ask "Do you want the crunchy peanut butter or creamy?" People can not back out of their driveways unless they dial to tell their friends, while in transit, to say that important, "Hey dude I'm swinging by the packy now, I'll call you when I get out." When is the last time you were able to finish a meal in a restaurant without hearing "YMCA" or some other annoying jingle ring.

Most of you reading this editorial own cell phones. I am one of the many few who do not. Am I stuck in the 1950s?



No. Am I an inconvenience to my friends who want to contact me at all hours of the day, when I'm on the toilet, in the shower, driving a vehicle, checking out at the drug store or walking to class? Yes, to them I am. The thing is, I don't care.

When did it become the "in" thing to have to rudely drop whatever we are doing and answer a phone? Why do we like to be spending time with one person and be talking to another on the phone while we're at the movies, the store, ordering takeout, or at the beach. This cell phone phenomenon has been slowly driving me insane for years now, but it was not until a couple of weeks ago I felt the venom come out and flow to my finger tips to type this editorial.

I was at Fenway Park watching the Sox battle the Devil Rays. It was a beautiful fall evening, we were leading and I was sitting with a bunch of my friends from good ole' FSC. What could ruin this moment? "Yeah Bobby, yeah I see you over there. Wait, are you the one next

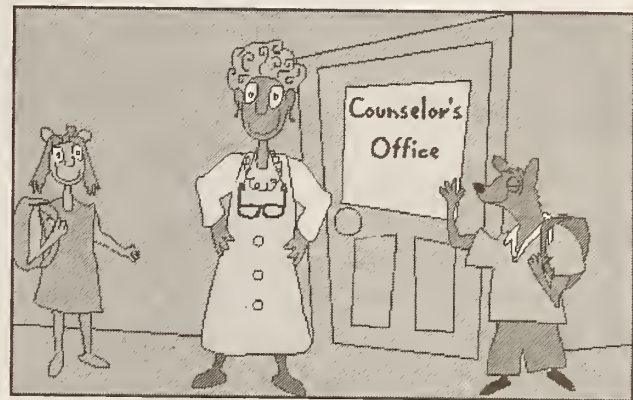
to the bald guy under the HESS sign?" This dialogue came from a man sitting next to me, talking on yes, the cell phone with binoculars in hand. He was looking for his chum way across the ballpark. What has this world come to when watching the Sox play a game in Boston, where the fans are the most dedicated and die hard supporters of any sport, isn't enough. The cell phone has to make an appearance. A Fenway Frank, a beer and a program and perhaps some peanuts are the only other materials needed to enhance the Fenway experience.

It's sad really. It's sad that there are people out there paying 40 or more dollars a month to be inconvenienced and to be missing out on life. It is sad that some of these people pay this fee for everyone in their family to be unconvinced as well. There are pre-teens out there who can't go to the mall without calling Jenny to see what lip gloss she is wearing to the movie later or that a Jr. High boy can't just go down to the ball field and see if his friends are there for a pick up baseball game. He has to call them on his phone to set up a time and place. Will they even get up to bat without answering or text messaging someone?

I am apart of that small minority of people who wear a button that says "Your cell phone makes you twice as annoying." I

The truth about life

JEAN LEVASSEUR
STAFF REPORTER



<http://www.google.com>

Anyone ever tell you that you should become some sort of volunteer, because the rewards will be great? Ever heard the phrase "It's not what you know, but who you know?" Well, one graduate student at Fitchburg State College has discovered the truth in both of these sayings.

Joanne Hanson, a student of Fitchburg State's Guidance Counselor graduate program and a resident of Marlborough, Massachusetts was offered a job a month ago at Marlborough High School in the guidance department. She started work as a guidance counselor and head of the College and Career Center on Tuesday, October 14. "It was like a dream come true," Hanson said in a phone interview Tuesday night.

Hanson decided 2 years ago that she wanted to become a guidance counselor instead of continuing her career doing medical transcriptions, a profession that she has had for 15 years. Before taking courses, she decided to volunteer at her local high school in the College and Career Center. In the 60 hours that she

worked there, she helped to organize the MCAS testing for the eighth and tenth graders, helped some upperclassmen with their college searches, and helped with organizing the new scholarships that were coming in.

This experience made her decide that she did in fact want to become a guidance counselor, and she pursued her education here at Fitchburg State College. However, her efforts also caught the eyes of the faculty members at Marlborough High School.

Marlborough High School lost one of their vice principals this year. According to Hanson, they had a replacement lined up, but he decided not to accept their offer and remained at his old school. This meant that they would either have to start the interview process over again, or look internally for someone to take the job. They found Rich Riley, Hanson's supervisor in the College and Career Center, and the only person with the credentials to become a Vice Principal.

Then all the school had to do was find a replace-

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Effecient Energy saving at Fitchburg State

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STAFF REPORTER

With college budget cuts and the recent East-Coast blackout, there is increased emphasis on conserving energy and resources at Fitchburg State College. Students taking summer classes saw some of these efforts, when the college was only open for four days a week, a change which the college hoped would save fifty thousand dollars, in energy costs.

Another change during the summer was the consolidation of classes into a couple of buildings, to reduce the costs of lighting and air conditioning. In addition, we now have reminders in the restrooms to turn out the lights. The college has been working toward conserving energy to reduce costs, but what can the students do, and what are some of the immediate benefits?

This summer, the custodians and campus police did energy efficiency spot inspections to see who remembered to shut off the air conditioners, computers and lights in their offices. Those who forgot got e-mails, to gently remind them to conserve energy, by remembering to turn things off when they leave.

As students, we can easily do the same kinds of things. When you are finished with a computer, shut it down. You can remember to shut off lights, radios and televisions, when you leave your room. Facilities workers have been upgrad-

Please Turn Off The
Lights When You
Leave This
Restroom.



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To Conserve
Energy!

These signs are posted in
several rooms next to the
light switches.

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ing classrooms, to give people local control over heating. In those that have been upgraded, students can turn the heat down; when class is over, and they can always turn the lights off when class is over.

Car-pooling is definitely in a long-distance commuter's best interest, since it can save you as much as half your fuel costs and can give you someone to talk to during a long and boring commute. Students who drive to and from the college during the day can park behind McKay, or at the Wallace Civic Center, to avoid the hassle of waiting for a parking spot. McKay is not too long of a walk, and the shuttle regularly runs between the Civic Center parking lot and the college.

One of the best ways to reduce your fuel consumption is to reduce your driving time. Fitchburg and Leominster have a lot of

traffic problems for cities their size. Oftentimes, you can cut a half-hour from your driving time, by staying off the roads in this area at peak traffic hours. It is also helpful to learn alternate ways in and out of Fitchburg. If you are going west, you can avoid frustrating traffic jams and save gas, by taking route 31, instead of route 12.

Learning to use appliances more efficiently will save the college money now, and it will help you develop good habits that will save you money in the future. One place where you can save a lot of energy is in the laundry room. Some clothes will last longer or bleed less, if you wash them at lower temperatures, which will also conserve energy.

For those of you who live off campus, space heaters are an appliance to avoid, not only because they consume enormous amounts of electricity, but also because they are notorious for starting house fires.

When you buy appliances, look for the energy star label. Energy star equipment will save you money over the long term, especially if it is a large appliance, like a refrigerator, washer or dryer. Efficient light bulbs are also helpful. If you have an air conditioner, clean it regularly: dirty air conditioners waste energy and don't work as well. Sometimes air conditioner repairmen simply clean an old air conditioner to get it

Fall on the Franconia

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came across five in our travels. One young man as he jogged past us asked, "Did you just see that bear back there? Just about a hundred or so yards." We hadn't, but the thrill of being in such close proximity to one was exciting.

Hiking ridges in New Hampshire that are above the tree line requires the right mixture of guts and know-how. Guts are something I have suddenly, inexplicably been lacking. Although I used to be an intrepid rock climber I have fallen out of practice with the sport and it has been years since I've dangled by a rope. Lately I seem to have forgotten my years as a climber and have developed a fear of heights. My fear first showed its ugly face while I attempted to hike the Beehive in Acadia National Park. Later, the fear returned on a wet and slick granite topped Monadnock. And here it was again, along the Franconia Notch Ridgeline. Although Franconia Notch ridgeline is not known for being a particularly dangerous trail, it was enough to keep me away from the edge.

After summiting the last peak, Little Haystack, on this loop the trip back downhill became particularly steep and involved many granite steps. My hiking partner had had a mishap with a skimmer board the week before that had left him with a tender ankle. Unfortunately like most injuries you don't know how bad it is until you're

three miles from your car heading down a steep incline with a heavy pack, which is when it hit him. Within a hundred yards of the start back downhill he was barely able to bend it and the only way it didn't hurt was the swing it along while holding on to the nearby tree limbs. This would be no easy decent. An hour later I estimated we were a mile down the trail. He was trying his best but I had watched his leg crumble twice and almost send him careening downhill. I ran through options in my head. At one mile per hour we were still at least two hours from our car. It was only one o'clock now but who knows what might happen. There was no way I could carry him or help him down this rocky trail with out further injuring one of us. No, it was walk out or be carried out and we still had at least six hours of daylight left. So on we trekked.

The last mile we winced down was the Falling Waters Trail, where he stopped to try to ice his ankle in the water. The icy cold falls runs along side the trail the rest of the way to the parking lot and we stopped many times to enjoy it. We made it out by 3:30. It took us three and half-hours to descend three miles. I think that we no longer mind as much carrying around those extra few pounds of supplies we pack for the "just in case."

Pull box:

Franconia Notch State Park is the multi-sport athlete and active family's paradise. Hiking trails to

FSC Theater Presents

"The Boys Next Door"

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

Fitchburg, Mass. - Fitchburg State College will present a student production of Tom Griffin's play "The Boys & Girls Next Door" on Nov. 4-8 and 12-15 at 7:30 p.m. in Percival Auditorium, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 9.

Two school matinees are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 13 at 10 a.m. For more information on the matinees and ticket information, call (978) 665-3555.

Admission is \$2 for students attending the matinees, \$5 faculty, staff, students and seniors and \$7 for the general public. Proceeds from opening night will benefit ARC Community Services in Fitchburg.

The production, directed by English/Theater Professor Kelly Morgan, will feature 14 student per-



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formances.

The play is set in a communal residence in a New England city, where four mentally handicapped men live under the supervision of an earnest, but increasingly "burned out" young social worker named Jack/Jackie. (The Fitchburg State production will alternate men and women in the lead roles, so that one night the play will be "The Boys Next Door" and the next night "The Girls Next Door.")

Norman/Norma works in a doughnut shop and is

unable to resist the lure of sweet pastries, takes pride in a huge bundle of keys that dangles from his waist; Lucien/Lucy P. Smith has the mind of a five-year old, but imagines that he is able to read and comprehend the weighty books that he lugs about; Arnold/Annie, the ring-leader of the group, is a hyperactive, compulsive chatterer, who suffers from deep-seated insecurities and a persecution complex; while Barry/Bernice, a brilliant schizophrenic who is devastated by the unfeeling rejection of his brutal father, fantasizes that he is a golf pro.

Mingled with scenes from the daily lives of these four, where little things sometimes become momentous (and often very funny), are moments of great poignancy as the

Important upcoming Events From SGA

BETSY BOCHART SGA TREASURE

Students of FSC:

The Student Government Association would like to inform you of a few events coming up this semester. We are helping the President's Office set up a debate with the mayor and councilmen of the city. This will take place October 29th and 30th. Please come with questions or concerns and find out more about the people who are running your city.

The classes will also be sponsoring events throughout the semester, so keep your eyes open

for upcoming events that will be posted on the SGA bulletin boards across Campus.

One of the first SGA events will take place in the Underground Pub on October 27th at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the class of 2006, and they will be showing 2Fast 2Furious (Free Admission, Free Drinks, Free Food).

If there are any events you would like your class to sponsor or activities to be involved with, please contact your class representatives. If you have any questions or concerns regarding events or problems on Campus, please feel free to contact us at

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School brings education in laughs

KRISTINE MCCAFFREY
FEATURES EDITOR

Comic man Jack Black pairs up with quirky comedienne, Joan Cusack, in the purely funny and entertaining *School of Rock*.

Black, a loser slacker who was born to rock out, pretends to be his roommate, a substitute teacher, to earn rent money. What starts out to be chore and blow off substitute teaching position soon turns into a classroom of lessons in fun, self esteem, rock legends and being proud of who you are. Once Black finds out his pupils are not only gifted when it comes to grades, but also in music, Black takes advantage of the crew by entering them into the battle of the bands competition he has only dreamed of winning.

Black turns his highly sophis-

ticated and private school privileged class of 10 year olds (who are going on 40) and an uptight, principal (Cusack), into a crazy group of rockers who learn to throw out the rule books and rule by jamming to some classic tunes and coming up with their own. Black teaches that every position from a lead guitarist to a roadie or groupie is essential to creating a kick ass rock group.

Uncle Buck meets Mr. Holland in this original lighthearted flick about a man who teaches kids about expressing themselves, the importance of rock music and most of all how his classroom of legendary rockers, in their own right, have made him a better person. Black and Cusack offer physical goofy comedy and deliver purely hilarious lines in this movie for all ages. It is a pleas-

FSC presents the New York FAT Trip

JEAN LEVASSEUR
STAFF REPORTER

At 7 in the morning on December 6th, Tullio Nieman and Student Activities will be taking students from FSC to New York for the day. This is the 7th annual trip to New York around the holiday season, but there is something special mixed in with this one. 45 students will be going to see *Chicago* on Broadway. "Tickets to *Chicago* are already sold out," Nieman said. The trip costs each student \$30, \$80 if they want to see *Chicago*.

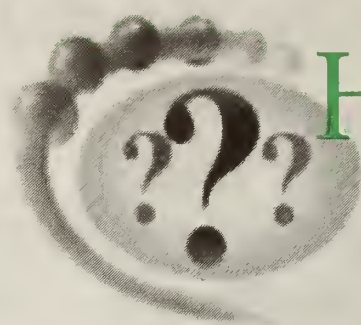
Students will have the day to themselves to spend in New York City, in any way that they want. The two buses that were chartered from the bus company Wilson will drop students off on 7th Ave between 49th and 50th, and pick them up there at 9:00. The students that are going to the



www.nbfestivaltheatre.com/bigchica.htm

Chicago show will have until 2:00 when the matinee performance of the show begins.

In the past, the theater trip and the New York trip have been separated. The school has gone to see shows such as *Okalahoma*, *Rent*, and last spring, *Les Miserables*. Possible trips for the future could include a trip to a Celtics game, a Bruins game, and the winter



How To... prepare for a Fire alarm

STEPHANIE ST. JEAN
COPY EDITOR

Imagine you are in the middle of a dream, one of the best dreams you've ever had, and suddenly you are jolted awake by a blaring fire alarm. Are you ready? Do you have what you need to get out to the curb? I've been told the best way to be prepared for a fire alarm is to have your coat and shoes by your bed. If it's winter you may want to have a

small blanket handy to keep warm. I've also been told to not wear slippers. You never know when the sprinklers will go on, or if the outside will be wet and muddy. Another way to be prepared is to sleep in some sort of clothing. Don't be surprised, some people actually don't. But when you wear your clothes you save time, because you aren't scurrying about the room trying to dress. Finally, always expect that the alarm is real. Don't fool



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Third Time's the Charm

NATHANIEL ELLIS
STAFF REPORTER

Scary Movie 3 came home with a \$48.1 million debut, the best first week-end ever for a movie opening in October. There's just no explanation for the fact that the sequels actually keep getting better. And unlike the hilarious but indefensibly scattershot second installment, "Scary Movie 3" even has a coherent combo-platter plot.

With campy spoofs on "The Ring," "Signs," "The Matrix," "Matrix Reloaded," "8 Mile," and more, the movie pushes the limits of

the PG-13 rating. There are jokes about drinking, smoking, drugs, sex, race, drunk driving, pedophile priests, gang shootings, barfing, menstruation, testicular cancer, bestiality, and people with disabilities. There are some graphic images, including severed heads and limbs, and a brief shot of a bare behind.

Since even the most sidesplitting dialogue is never done justice when quoted in movie reviews (without Charlie Sheen's deadpan delivery it's just not the same), I won't provide too many laugh spoils

ers here, except to say that the movie's opening parody on the first scene of "The Ring" had me laughing so hard I was actually embarrassed. However, I knew I was in for a treat; an early Halloween treat in a tight little wrapper of a movie that's so funny it's scary.

With an emphasis on that good old comedy staple known as stupidity, "Scary Movie 3" manages to provide about 90 minutes of periodic laughs and entertainment. As is the case with many comedies, some of the most hilarious scenes are

Butler Grant Memorializes Teacher

Ruth Butler Achievement Grant applications are now available from the Grant Center. Given in honor of the late Professor Ruth Butler of the Mathematics Department these grants are awarded to promote professional or artistic development, or activities that are appropriate to furthering the goals of Fitchburg State College.

Full-time members of the faculty, administration and student body of Fitchburg State College are given first preference for award consideration how-

ever, if in any one year such grants use less than the funds available, part-time members of the three groups may be considered as grantees.

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Professor Profile Series
Edition Two

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COPY EDITOR

Dr. Margarite Roumas has been an English professor at Fitchburg State for ten years now. For her first seven years here she worked part time, because she had a child at home to take care of. In 2000 she started working full time. You can find her teaching classes such as Creative Writing, Fiction Writing, Editing and Publishing, and Business and Technical Writing.

"I've been interested in creative writing for a long time," says Roumas, "and the students here are very creative." Before teaching here she taught at New York University and Hunter College, also in New York.

Dr. Roumas graduated from Columbia University where it took here six years to complete her undergraduate degree. Like many



Dr. Margarite Roumas is an English Professor who enjoys creative writing.

Courtesy Photo

students she depended on scholarships and work. "I understand what it's like to go to school and work, I did it too. I like the students here because they are well grounded, mature, and motivated." Dr. Roumas now donates back to her college's scholarship fund because she remembers how much it helped her.

Margarite Roumas

English Department

"It's like the great pass along. I'm giving back what they gave me so other students can make it through. I couldn't have done it without them."

Dr. Roumas grew up in Hudson, Massachusetts and later moved on to New York City, and Los Angeles. She now lives back in Massachusetts and has a fourteen-year-old son who she calls "a great kid and a lot of fun."

In her free time Roumas enjoys jogging. She describes herself as "a jogging lunatic." No matter what the weather; sleet, snow, rain or shine, she's out there! She also enjoys traveling and has visited Portugal, France, England, Italy, Israel, and Egypt.

There is some advice she's like to pass on to students in the English Majors. That advice

Truth

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ment for his old job. Riley suggested Hanson. The administrators decided that the classes she had taken already at Fitchburg and her time volunteering made her qualified for the job. They offered, and she accepted.

Now, her responsibilities at the school are to run the College and Career Center, which is designed to help juniors and seniors with their after high school decisions, and to be a guidance counselor to a portion of the incoming 8th grade class. This job has allowed her to quit her medical transcriptions entirely, something that she had wanted to do for a long time. "15 years is long enough," she said. "I needed a change."

What are Hanson's plans for the future? To continue to pursue education to become a guidance counselor. "Right now, I am a permanent sub until June." She finishes

Old Parkison Gym

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Senior Week in Parkinson Gymnasium. "We figured we have that space, so we might as well utilize it," said Lisa Clark, secretary for the Class of 2004.

Parkinson Gymnasium has two floors. Information Technology is currently using the bottom floor, originally locker rooms, as a storing facility. The upstairs is a "typical gymnasium," said Antonucci. "There are six baskets; they're old, but it's a great secondary facility," he said.

All hope for a One Stop student center is not lost though. It's just been put on hold. "The economy's got to get better," said Antonucci. "We really need the One Stop center because we're tight on space, but it's not critical," he said.

Three years ago, the college received a federal grant to research how the school could better use its space and what additional space is needed on campus to fully serve students and staff. Parkinson Gymnasium is one of the buildings

being observed.

However, Parkinson is not the school's first priority. "When we get the money, the science labs are on the top of the list," said Antonucci. Since its opening in 1965, the labs in the Condikey Science building have remained unchanged. The President hopes to see construction on the lab within two years. "The faculty are doing tremendous work with a dated facility," said Antonucci.

Other work includes renovating the Dining Hall and the athletic fields. Chartwells is working with the college to form renovations plans to begin next summer. The meal service provider has made a great investment in the college, said Antonucci.

The quality of the athletic field is also holding the school back, the President commented. "We can't hold and summer camps at the field, which would bring in money, because we don't want to

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Director of Expanding
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Laura can help with:

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The AID's Memorial Quilt, displaying over 80 panels

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STAFF REPORTER

Fitchburg State College will host a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt on November 3rd thru November 8th in the M&M lobby of the Hammond Building. This is the third year the college has hosted the AIDS Quilt, and with each new display the emotions and memories only become stronger.

"People really connected with Jasmine, so we requested to have her again this year." Jasmine, a six year old girl who

died from the disease, is just one of over 8,000 panels commemorating lives lost to the deadly impact of AIDS.

The display will include eight panels of the Memorial Quilt, two of which were specifically requested by the college. "Kodak is the only company with a block dedicated to their employees who have died, but obviously they wanted it too," said Shane Frazen, associate director of student life, who headed up the committee in charge of bringing the quilt to campus.

The other panel to be specifically requested was brought to the attention of Frazen when a student approached him about a block that was dedicated to a friend of theirs.

"We have quite a few from New England, Boston, and the Fitchburg Area," Frazen said. "The blocks rang anywhere from six months, are dedicated to an entire family, and represent people from across the country."

This year's display is being presented with the help of several on campus groups who have spon-

sored blocks and floral arrangements. The groups included are the Programs Committee, WXPL, SGA, BSU and the Haitian club, Classes of 2004, 2005, and 2006, CED, Nursing Students Association, and Tri Sigma Sigma and Phi Sigma Sigma sororities.

According to the AIDS Memorial Quilt website, the idea for the quilt was first conceived by Cleve Jones, a long time gay rights activists, in November of 1985. The AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed for the first time during the National March on Washington for Gay and

Lesbian Rights on October 11, 1987.

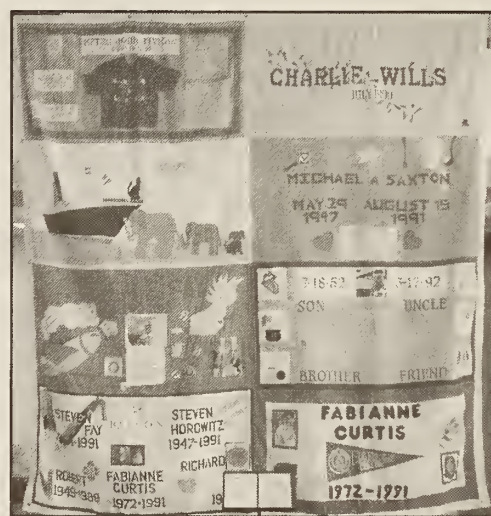
Today the quilt consists of more than 44,000 individual blocks created by families, lovers, and friends of those lost to the disease. The quilt and the NAMES Project which is responsible for the organization of the group has 23 chapters in the United States and 46 affiliates in over 40 countries world wide.

The quilt will be on display Monday Nov. 3rd thru Friday Nov. 7th from 9:00am to 8:00pm and Saturday Nov. 8th from

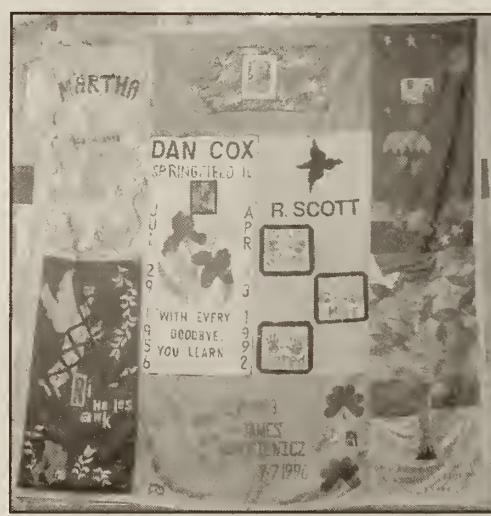
AIDS Knows No Faces

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was first displayed at the second national march on Washington for lesbian and gay rights on October 11, 1987. The quilt we unfolded that day was made of 1,920 panels, each representing one person lost to AIDS. It was my 32nd birthday and almost everyone I know was dead or dying.

By the fifth time the entire quilt was unfolded in public, in Washington DC, on October 11, 1996, it comprised of 45,000 panels. But this time we unfolded it with a sense of hope – hope for effective treatments, for compassionate public policy, for a vaccine. Also for the first time, the president and first lady of the United States were there. And as I had first imagined in 1985, it covered the National Mall, stretch-



These are two examples of the AID's patches displayed in the Hammond Lounge. The Hammond Lounge has ten patches with over eighty panels of the collection. The collection consists of over 44,000 panels and over 88,000 names.



Photos by Amanda Parke

ing from the Capital to the Washington Monument.

I thought back to the night of November 27, 1985, standing with my friends in a silent river of candlelight. Today, most of those friends are gone, and not all of their names are remembered. But I sense their presence and

know that they are joined to the living. They surround me now as they did in 1985: Thousands of ordinary people drawn together by extraordinary tragedies and drawing strength from each other as we imagine, fight for life, and create our future."

Here we are nearly 19 years after the birth of the largest man-made memorial. We have learned many things about AIDS – but at a terrible cost. 21.8 million innocent men, women and children have been struck down. They can no longer say the simple words that we take for granted each

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and everyday – good morning, I miss you, or I love you.

Fitchburg State College is pleased and honored to have been selected to host a third display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in as many years. We are here among 80 panels from the collection that has been lovingly called "The Quilt."

These panels that are here represent a vast wealth of symbolic knowledge. Each panel is a designated size of 3'x 6' - which symbolizes the average size of a grave. There are over 46,000 panels that make up the Quilt and over 88,000 names are represented on those panels. They are a symbol of the hope and the disparity that each and every family feels as they go through the waiting game. They symbolize

Weekly Horoscopes

<http://www.astrology-online.com/horo.htm>

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now.

Controversial subjects should be avoided at all costs. There will be hidden matters that you may find disturbing.

* Your lucky day this week will be Friday *

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

It might be time to pick up the slack and do your share. Friends and relatives can give you good advice. You're up for a passionate encounter with someone special. This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions.

* Your lucky day this week will be Saturday *

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Look into some form of physical recreation. Try not to judge too quickly. Your personal life will

still be experiencing difficulties and you are best to avoid the issues for the time being. Problems with your mate will develop if you don't let them have their way.

* Your lucky day this week will be Thursday *

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Visit someone who hasn't been feeling well lately. Situations in your personal life are moving a little fast lately. You can accomplish a lot if you work out of your home this week. Keep busy and let them fume while you're not around.

* Your lucky day this week will be Saturday *

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Colleagues may try to undermine you. Do your own thing without drawing attention to it. You can pick up valuable information if you listen to those with more experience. Try to get every one involved; it will help

bring you closer together.

* Your lucky day this week will be Sunday *

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Difficulties relating to children will be stressful. Don't hold yourself back because you think you're too old. Jealous attitudes may lead you astray. Reevaluate your position and make decisions about your future goals.

* Your lucky day this week will be Monday *

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Good news from afar may surface. You will be emotional about money matters. Try not to allow your partner to lead you astray or upset your routine. Take the whole family and make it an enjoyable outing.

* Your lucky day this week will be Friday *

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your high enthusiasm will be sure to inspire anybody around you. New methods and innovative technology will make your job far easier than you anticipated. Rest and relaxation may be required; minor health problems will prevail if you don't watch your diet. Don't say something you'll live to regret.

* Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday *

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Don't evade issues or twist the truth around. Don't let friends convince you that you should contribute to something you don't believe in. You will get along well in social situations. You won't be well received by superiors or by your spouse.

* Your lucky day this week will be Saturday *

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Don't delay; go to your physician or dentist and get to the bottom of the discomfort. Your professional attitude will not go unnoticed. Your creative imagination will help you in coming up with unique ideas. Don't bother getting even; they'll make themselves look bad.

* Your lucky day this week will be Friday *

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Becareful when using machinery or electrical equipment. You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. You could receive recognition for a job well done. Make creative changes to your living quarters.

* Your lucky day this week will be Saturday *

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Stay calm and focus on things that will help you understand the situation better. You need more space for the whole family. Don't jump as quickly as you usually do. Deception is likely.

* Your lucky day this week will be Friday *

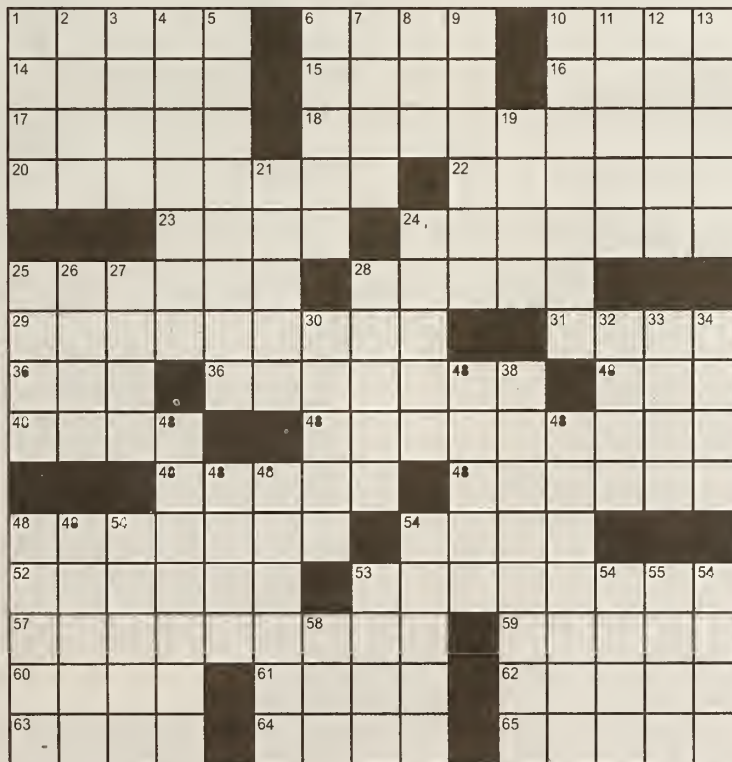
Fun crossword of the week

Across

- 1 Thrown
- 6 Book after Joel
- 10 Sudden seizure?
- 14 Battery terminal
- 15 Earth
- 16 Hideout
- 17 Dark
- 18 Game for one
- 20 Spruced up
- 22 Sheriff's groups
- 23 Big name in rap
- 24 "The ____ Time" (Billy Joel hit)
- 25 Prairie wolf
- 28 Tropical fruit
- 29 Resolved
- 31 Victories
- 35 Child's play
- 36 Local lingo
- 39 Moist droplets
- 40 Airline from Lod
- 42 Finely ground gypsum
- 44 "____ moi..."
- 47 Obstinate
- 48 Hindrance
- 51 M. Hulot's creator
- 52 Photographer Cunningham
- 53 Reaction agent
- 57 Giver of freedom
- 59 Lariat
- 60 Honey producers
- 61 Bryn ____ College
- 62 Not rented
- 63 Auto pioneer Ransom
- 64 Hard to hold
- 65 Percolates

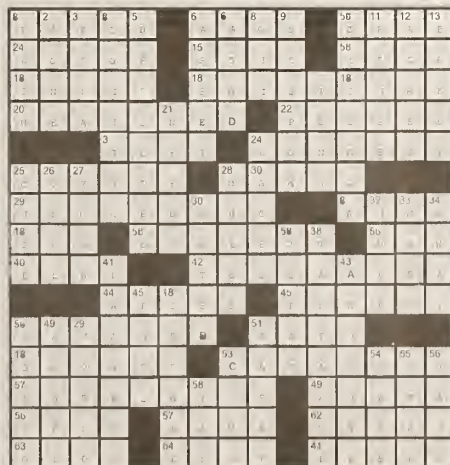
Down

- 1 Woodland deity
- 2 Britain's last Stuart monarch
- 3 "Nana" author
- 4 Issue
- 5 Discovered
- 6 Useful quality
- 7 Temper
- 8 Black gold
- 9 Don quickly
- 10 Port on the Clyde
- 11 Hike
- 12 City of Brittany
- 21 "____ say more?"
- 24 Subsequently
- 25 Single out for praise
- 26 Spoken
- 27 Indian discipline
- 28 "Two ____ for Sister Sara"
- 30 Western
- 32 Out of action
- 33 Colo. neighbor
- 34 Influence
- 37 Slovene's neighbor
- 38 Infernal abyss
- 41 Generous giving
- 43 Dye type
- 45 Jetty
- 46 Call over?
- 48 Baggins the hobbit
- 49 Film director Jon
- 50 Dressed as a judge
- 51 Dawdle
- 53 Hood
- 54 Noah Webster's alma mater
- 55 Pace



<http://thinks.com>

56 Makes lace
58 ____ kwon do



Football Team Tramples over Maine Maritime

Fitchburg State-56, Maine Maritime-0

FITCHBURG, Mass. — Fitchburg State scored a school record 56 points and limited a potent Maine Maritime offense to 87 total yards in a 56-0 victory in a New England Football Conference Bogan division contest. The shutout marked just the third in Fitchburg State's 20-year history.

The visiting Mariners, who entered the contest 24th in the nation in total offense (431.4 yards per game), lost six fumbles and were sacked seven times on the afternoon.

Andy LeBlanc and Adam Keyes each regis-

tered a pair of sacks, while Frank Famualro posted a team-high eight tackles and forced two fumbles and Kevin Fagan recovered a pair of fumbles and forced another. Mike Wells also recorded a sack, forced a fumble and recovered fumble while Kyle Osborn broke up three passes.

Offensively, FSC scored of its first six possessions of the game. Running back Tyler Kennedy led the way for the Falcons (3-3, 1-2) with 136 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries. Fellow freshman Danny

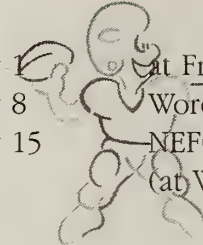
Sanabria had two rushing touchdowns while Brian Milleisen, Rob McDonnell and Shawn Ireland each added touchdown scam-pers. Quarterback Corey Hetherman completed five of six passes for 70 yards with touchdowns to Chaz Barberi and Carmy C e s a i r e .

Maine Maritime (0-6, 0-3) was paced by standout fullback Don Thibodeau who gained 51 yards on two carries and Mark Googins who picked up 34 yards on six carries. Dan Rosen anchored the Mariner defense with 11 tackles while Chris

November Sports Schedule 2003

Football

Sat, Nov 1	at Framingham State College	12 pm
Sat, Nov 8	Worcester State College	12 pm
Sat, Nov 15	NEFC Championship (at Worcester State College)	

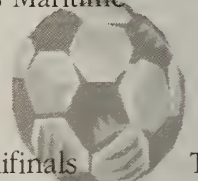


Men's Soccer

Sat, Nov 1	Massachusetts Maritime	2:30 pm
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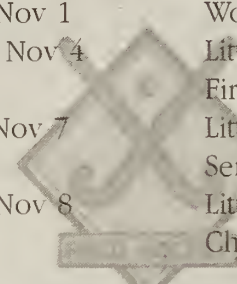
Women's Soccer

Wed, Nov 5	MASCAC Semifinals	TBA
Sat, Nov 8	MASCAC Championships	TBA



Field Hockey

Sat, Nov 1	Worcester State College	12 pm
Tue, Nov 4	Little East Tournament - First Round	TBA
Fri, Nov 7	Little East Tournament - Semifinals	TBA
Sat, Nov 8	Little East Tournament - Championship	TBA



Cross Country

Sat, Nov 1	at New England Alliance Meet (at Westfield State College)	TBA
Sat, Nov 8	at ECAC Championships (at Tufts)	TBA
Sat, Nov 15	at NCAA Division III Regional Meet (at Southern Maine)	TBA
Sat, Nov 22	at NCAA Division III National Meet (at Hanover, IN)	TBA

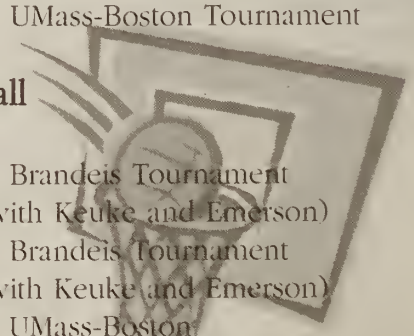


Men's Basketball

Fri, Nov 21	Eastern Nazarene College	7 pm
Tue, Nov 25	at Clark University	7 pm
Fri, Nov 28	at UMass-Boston Tournament	TBA
Sat, Nov 29	at UMass-Boston Tournament	TBA

Women's Basketball

Fri, Nov 21	at Brandeis Tournament (with Keuke and Emerson)	TBA
Sat, Nov 22	at Brandeis Tournament (with Keuke and Emerson)	TBA
Tue, Nov 25	at UMass-Boston	6 pm



Player of the Week Peter McGuane

Men's Soccer

Peter McGuane, Fitchburg State, Sophomore, Forward (Ayer, MA): McGuane helped Fitchburg State get back into the MASCAC playoff race by registering the game-winning goal in both of FSC's conference victories last week. He scored the only goal in a 1-0 shutout of Salem and netted the first goal and added an assist in a 3-0 win versus Framingham.

Honor Roll:

Ashley Jollimore, Fitchburg, Fr, F (Fitchburg, MA): Scored the game-winning OT goal vs. Regis and a goal vs. BSC

Peter
McGuane

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